

## NOT HIS LAST WILL

The Jury Decide That It Was Not Brown's Testament.

## REMARKABLE SCENES OF JOY

In the Court Room When the Verdict Was Announced Yesterday Morning. The Case May Be Appealed.

Although it was not exactly understood that court would open at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, a goodly number were there at that time anxious to hear the verdict of the jury in the Brown will case. But few ladies were in attendance save the personal friends of Mrs. Hayden, and the men present represented the deep feeling and deep-thinking class. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden were in their usual places, as well as every one of their lawyers, but Mr. and Mrs. Haines and counsel (excepting Messrs. Dunham and Salisbury, did not put in an appearance.

Soon after 9 o'clock the jury signed that they were ready to deliver their verdict, and were called in. The crowd in the room suffered a few moments of breathless suspense while Clerk Harvey solemnly put the question: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict; if you have let your foreman rise and so state."

Geo. W. Eldred, the foreman then rose and fumbled about in his pocket for the paper which meant so much to everyone within hearing, and at last read, "We decide that the will was not the last will of James H. Brown."

No sooner were the words out of his mouth than everyone present lost all sense of the time and place and burst into tumultuous applause. Men jumped upon the chairs and waved hats and handkerchiefs, women burst into tears and laughter at the same time, and general pandemonium followed. The cheers in the court room were taken up by the people in the street, and everybody wanted to use the telephone to send the good news to their friends.

Mrs. Hayden's pale, anxious face was wreathed in smiles the moment the words of Mr. Eldred fell upon her ears, but the next second the anxiety of the past weeks proved too much for her, and she became almost hysterical. Her friends comforted her with kisses, and then rushed off to embrace Messrs. Gleason, Smiley and Uhl. As soon as Mrs. Hayden could command herself she began shaking hands with the jury-men, and a general handshaking time followed, which was kept up until several men were noticed shaking hands with themselves. Mrs. Hayden wasn't the only one who cried—tears rained down the faces of one or two of the jury-men, and one of the lawyers was seen to furtively wipe his eyes, and even the voice of the judge trembled.

For intensity of feeling, and exuberance of joy, such a scene was never before witnessed in a Grand Rapids court-room.

Made a Night of It.

Whether Mrs. Haines' absence was due to her implicit belief that the jury would declare the will valid is not known, but it is admitted that her complacency all through the trial has been due to the fact that she thought the sympathy of the crowd was with her side of the case; a proof of this delusion on her part was shown by her thinking, when she was "clapped out" of the court room Friday night, that the clapping was done out of compliment to her. Perhaps "insane delusions" are hereditary.

By special request of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden, the jury went in a body and had their pictures taken yesterday afternoon. They have every reason to be proud of themselves. They have rendered a verdict that meets with the approval of almost everyone who has watched the evidence from the beginning to the end. It is said that on the first ballot eleven were for Mrs. Hayden and one for Mr. Haines. It did not take very much argument to bring that one juror over to thinking as the other eleven did, but they had their revenge on him by declaring they would make a night of it, and make a night of it they did! They played cards, held a mock trial, and spent the time generally in keeping themselves and each other from getting a wink of sleep. Just what their entire bill is for services rendered has not been footed up, but certain it is that in view of the satisfactory verdict they have rendered, the people of Kent county will be unusually willing to pay it.

Chip of the Old Block.

The jurors weren't the only ones that had their pictures taken yesterday, for they, in their turn, asked that Mr. and Mrs. Hayden, and their lawyers, Messrs. Gleason, Smiley and Uhl, be photographed in a group. At 1 o'clock all met at the photographer's. While the artist was completing his preparations Mr. Smiley remarked that he expected the pictures would have to go into the "rogue's gallery" for they had succeeded in breaking the will, a thing of which it had been said "all the devils in hell couldn't break."

It is the general opinion that the case will be carried to the supreme court, although it is claimed that Mr. Russell would not advise it. One of Mrs. Haines' lawyers, when asked for his opinion as to whether his client would settle or not, answered, "Jockey Brown never settled, and Margaret Haines is a chip of the old block."

The large number of ladies who have attended the trial, many of whom were never in a court room before, have nothing but words of praise for the uniform courtesy they received at the hands of the officers of the court, as well as from other gentlemen present. Although some of the features brought out in the case were of a peculiarly distressing nature, no woman present was made to feel, unless perhaps by her own conscience, that she would better have said at home.

## BURGLAR AN OFFICE.

Minor Ingalls Robs the Till of the Masonic Mutual.

Minor Ingalls, a clerk in the law office of H. H. Walker, was arrested yesterday by Detective Darr and locked up at police headquarters on a charge of burglary. Small sums of money have been missing for some time past from the money drawer in the office of the Masonic Mutual Benefit association, over the Fourth National bank. The matter was referred to Detective Darr, and yesterday, while the detective crept himself into the office and waited developments. It was not long before Ingalls came in, and he was taken to the police station. The law office is in the same building, and the lock is similar to the one on the office of the association. The young man began to examine the contents of a money drawer, when the detective emerged from his

hiding place and laid legal hands upon him. The prisoner was somewhat excited, and explained his presence by stammering that he was "looking for Williams." The bookkeeper says that about \$18 have been missed from the office, which has been taken at various times. The young man is now under bail to appear in the superior court on a charge of forgery, he having attempted to pass a forged check on a Canal street druggist.

## HARD ON "HIS NINE"

A Landlord Smashes an Actor's Face With a Hammer.

There was blood on the moon at A. L. Livingston's hotel on Lyon street yesterday. "His Nine, the Baron" company has been stopping there during its stay in the city. Yesterday was the day to settle. Eugene Eberle, who personates Maurice Benedict in the play made the first kick. The agreement was that the members of the company were to pay \$6 per week. Eberle had seven bills built in his room which cost him \$1.50 extra. This he refused to pay, saying that he had not had that many bills. Before the dispute ended Livingston struck him in the face. In the evening, Charles Robinson, who plays the Irishman, stepped up to the desk to settle. He had no bills in his room, but claimed he had one meal coming, so Livingston says, and as he would not be in the city to eat it, he didn't want to pay for it. A few minutes were exchanged and then Robinson began to take off his coat. As he did so Livingston picked up a hammer and dealt him a terrific blow in the face, smashing his nose, blacking both eyes and cutting an ugly gash in his under lip. Robinson was so badly used up that he could not do any of his specialties. At the theater last night he said he asked for his bill, and observed that he was charged \$6 when he had been there one day short of a week. He wanted a reduction, but Livingston would not give it. Hot words were exchanged. Livingston made a motion as if to draw a revolver. Robinson attempted to intercept the movement. As he did so Livingston reached under the counter, pulled out the hammer and struck him. No arrests have been made.

## MORE CONTRACTS COMING.

The County Building Committee Has Grown Cautious.

A portion of monthly estimate No. 40 was ordered paid yesterday by the court house building committee amounting to \$145.40. At the last meeting of the committee, the contract for furnishing the inside blinds for the building was awarded to White, Friant & Letellier, on a basis of prices varying according to size, to be furnished by the foot. They will be placed in position under the supervision of the committee. Proposals from five different firms have been submitted for furnishing the gas fixtures and interior glass. Samples of the work have been set up in the new building, and the committee will meet Monday to examine them in a secret session. Supervisor Loomis, chairman of the committee, said yesterday that these contracts are among the most important coming before it, and a thorough investigation will be made before they are awarded. The remainder of the monthly estimate will be passed upon at the meeting of the committee on Monday.

## BROUGHT DOWN THEIR GAME.

J. W. Miller Jailed for Cashing Another Man's Checks.

The officers have been looking for one J. W. Miller for some time, and Detectives Gates and Jakeway succeeded in capturing him last evening on Canal street. They were armed with a warrant issued from the United States court, charging him with receiving and opening a letter belonging to another. The warrant was issued on complaint of J. W. Miller, an employee at Beach's restaurant, who says that his brother who lives in Canada sent him a letter containing two money orders for \$50 each, payable by the Adams Express company. He failed to receive the letter and upon investigation learned that one of the orders had been presented by a man who identified himself as J. W. Miller and that the amount was paid. The Miller who obtained the money is well known by the proprietors of saloons and billiard halls and his career is somewhat checkered. When arrested the prisoner acknowledged his guilt.

## Court Notes.

Thomas J. Fisher, a quarrelsome inmate of the Soldiers' home, was sentenced to the county jail yesterday morning for fifteen days by Justice Hydrum. Fisher got drunk and his disposition became decidedly active toward his brother inmates.

Joseph McGuire, Charles Murray, John O'Brien and James Clark, the quartet arrested for stealing money from a sleighing coat from Bodensten's store on Canal street, had their case adjourned in police court yesterday until March 11, at 3 p. m.

Eugene Lampman dropped his surplus change into a saloonkeeper's till and when convicted in police court of being drunk and disorderly he was unable to pay the \$4.85 and consequently was sent to jail for fifteen days yesterday.

Albert Halhorst, Lochlin McDonald and Gerret Weimerick, the three boys arrested for stealing money from the hires of a west side resident, had their case adjourned in police court yesterday until March 17.

Sentence was suspended upon Joe Kelley in police court yesterday. He had been convicted of vagrancy but having been at work pretty steadily since his conviction he was allowed to continue.

"Jimmie" Callahan, the old veteran with a morbid thirst for "boozie," was committed to the county jail for thirty days yesterday from police court.

The case police court against James Rabeck, for carrying concealed weapons, was adjourned yesterday to April 11.

Burt Medendorp was admitted to citizenship yesterday in the circuit court before Judge Grove.

John Murray was admitted to citizenship in the superior court yesterday.

## Gasoline Caused a Fire.

The explosion of gasoline caused a fire yesterday noon in the Chicago steam laundry at the corner of Kent avenue. The building was owned by G. H. Behnke and was fully insured. The building was damaged to the extent of \$600. Several new machines were badly damaged. His loss will reach about \$600 which was only partly covered by insurance. The fire spread so rapidly that the employees barely escaped being burned.

## Went on the Warpath.

John Wood, who is no stranger to the police department, was arrested last evening by Officer Swan and locked up

at headquarters. Wood was unconsciously drunk and making a disagreeable disturbance in his living apartments. When the officers arrived at the scene Wood became infuriated and showed a strong inclination to resist arrest. He was promptly handcuffed and subdued. He had been quarreling with his wife, and during their altercation had struck her on the head with a sharp instrument and cut a three inch gash across her scalp.

## Drove a Horse to Death.

Fat Moran, the liveryman, swore out a warrant from police court yesterday morning for the arrest of Marshal Wood of Belding, and Under Sheriff Walsh arrested him yesterday in Greenville. Wood hired a horse of Moran about two months ago and drove it out into the country. When he returned the horse bore evidence of having been hard driven. It was taken with inflammation of the lungs and died within seven hours after it was returned to the barn. The warrant charges him with having over-driven the horse. He was brought to this city and locked up in the county jail.

## Discontinued by Agreement.

The case of Don J. Leathers vs. James H. Swan begun in the United States circuit court some time ago, was ordered discontinued yesterday by stipulation of the parties concerned. The case involved the question of ownership to a large tract of pine land in Wisconsin.

## Divorced For Desertion.

Judge Grove signed a decree of divorce yesterday, freeing Martha L. Pressey from Thomas Pressey. The decree was granted on the grounds of desertion and failure to support. Mrs. Pressey was given the custody of their two minor children, Bertha and Warren, aged 10 and 9 years respectively.

## Must Pay Alimony.

Judge Grove severed the marital ties between Clara A. Arver and Lewis C. Arver yesterday, on the ground of desertion. Clara was granted a divorce and the custody of their 3-year-old daughter, Lulu. In addition to the costs of the suit Lewis was ordered to pay the complainant \$181 alimony.

## Gave Her the Custody of the Child.

Moses Collier deserted his wife, Nellie May, and failed to contribute anything for her or their daughter Ida's support. Yesterday Judge Adair gave Nellie a decree of divorce and the custody of their child.

## Granted a Divorce.

Madeline Greulich was granted a divorce from her husband, Adolph Greulich, by Judge Burlingame in the superior court yesterday, on the grounds of cruelty and non-support.

## Began Suit.

DeGraaf, Vrieling & Co., have begun a suit in the circuit court against Ellen Rotherhart and Cornelius Den Houter, to recover payment on an open account amounting to \$406.04.

## Cases on Call.

Judge Grove will proceed with the trial of the cases on the non-jury calendar Monday morning. The following cases are on the call board for trial: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 18, 30, 31, 32.

## Obtained Judgment.

Dr. L. B. Malcolm of Lowell, obtained a judgment in the circuit yesterday against Abraham H. McNeil of Caledonia, for \$817.15. The judgment was rendered by default.

## LAW AND LAWYERS.

## United States Court.

## JUDGE SEEVERS.

Don J. Leathers, complainant, vs. James H. Swan et al., in equity; by stipulation of parties order dismissing bill of complaint.

Don J. Leathers vs. James H. Swan, and Don J. Leathers et al. vs. James H. Swan et al.; by stipulation of parties order of discontinuance.

## Circuit Court—Part I.

## JUDGE ADIR.

In the matter of the estate of James H. Brown, deceased; appeal from probate court; verdict for contestant. Proceedings stayed twenty days.

## Circuit Court—Part II.

## JUDGE GROVE.

Isaac B. Malcolm vs. Abraham H. McNeil, summary judgment for plaintiff for \$817.15 and costs.

Burt Medendorp admitted to citizenship.

## Superior Court.

## JUDGE BURLINGAME.

In the matter of admission to citizenship of John C. Murray, admitted.

Madeline Greulich vs. Adolph Greulich, decree granted complainant; grounds, cruelty and non-support.

## Probate Court.

## JUDGE PERKINS.

Estate of Thomas Byrne, deceased, executor's annual account filed. Hearing March 28.

Estate of Owen Levin, deceased; executor's annual account filed.

Estate of Michael McNamara, deceased; will admitted to probate and Matthew T. McNamara appointed executor.

Estate of Jacob Nienhuis, deceased; will admitted to probate and Eljje Nienhuis appointed executrix.

Estate of Charles Z. Little, deceased; Charles E. Sligh appointed administrator.

Estate of Andrew Vierheilig, deceased; executor's final account allowed.

Estate of Ferdinand G. Stephenson, deceased; Orlando M. Stephenson appointed guardian.



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